

**CALENDAR ITEM
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GENERAL LEASE – PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in the dry lake bed of Owens Lake, Inyo County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of groundwater monitoring wells.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning October 29, 2012.

CONSIDERATION:

The public benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interests.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On October 29, 2010, the Commission authorized the issuance of Lease No. PRC 8899.9, a General Lease – Public Agency Use, to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (City) for a period of 2 years, for geological sampling and rotary drilling samples and to construct, operate, maintain and monitor groundwater monitoring wells. The City is now applying for a new General Lease – Public Agency Use for the continued use and maintenance of eight existing monitoring wells at three sites. The goal of the monitoring wells is to collect basic data to determine the quality and level of Owens Lake groundwater for its potential use for dust control purposes. The City is now requesting a new lease for a longer period to continue monitoring groundwater at the well locations. Staff is

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recommending a 10-year lease term. No new wells would be permitted under this lease without additional Commission authorization.

2. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15306, and Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15300 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905.

3. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq.; however, the Commission has declared that all lands are “significant” by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to “environmentally significant”). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project’s consistency with the use classification as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2954 is not applicable.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Site and Location Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 6, Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15306, and Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power beginning October 29,

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2012, for a term of 10 years, for use and maintenance of eight monitoring wells at three locations, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; consideration being the public benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interests.

EXHIBIT A

PRC 8899.9

LAND DESCRIPTION

Monitoring Wells Owens Lake, California

Three parcels of State-owned sovereign land in the bed of Owens Lake in the County of Inyo, State of California, being more particularly described as follows:

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BEGINNING at a point from whence Mineral Monument No. 58, a white marble stone monument with a metal plate cross stamped "MM #58", as said monument is shown on that map filed in Book 11, of Record of Surveys at page 7, Official Records of the County of Inyo, State of California, bears North 20°08'50" East, a distance of 30,282.98 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 90°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 00°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 90°00'00" East, 150.00 feet;
North 00°00'00" East, 150.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

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BEGINNING at a point from whence Mineral Monument No. 58, a white marble stone monument with a metal plate cross stamped "MM #58", as said monument is shown on that map filed in Book 11, of Record of Surveys at page 7, Official Records of the County of Inyo, State of California, bears North 25°04'18" East, a distance of 49,652.09 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 90°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 00°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 90°00'00" East, 150.00 feet;
North 00°00'00" East, 150.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

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BEGINNING at a point from whence Mineral Monument No. 58, a white marble stone monument with a metal plate cross stamped "MM #58", as said monument is shown on that map filed in Book 11, of Record of Surveys at page 7, Official Records of the County of Inyo, State of California, bears North 29°18'37" East, a distance of 70,591.86 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 90°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 00°00'00" West, 150.00 feet;
South 90°00'00" East, 150.00 feet;
North 00°00'00" East, 150.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

The Bearings used in this description are on the California Coordinate System, NAD83, (CCS83/92), Zone 4. The Coordinate values, in U.S. Survey Feet, of said Mineral Monument No. 58, also known as Triangulation Station "Keeler" are: Northing 2,064,076.37, Easting 6,890,187.91. All distances shown herein are grid distances in U.S. Survey Feet. To obtain ground surface distances, multiply the distances shown by 1.000228742.

END OF DESCRIPTION



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NO SCALE

SITE

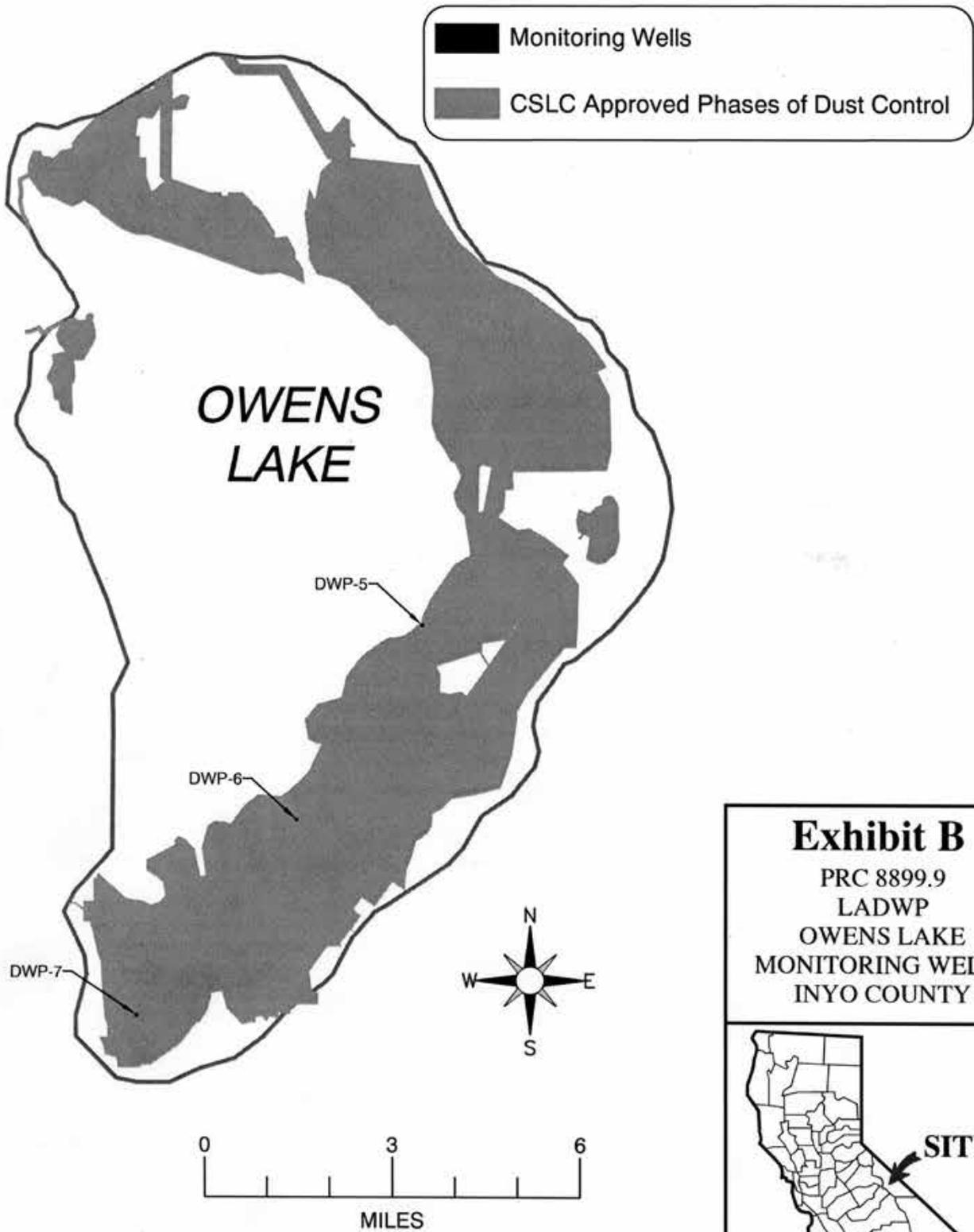


Exhibit B
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LADWP
OWENS LAKE
MONITORING WELLS
INYO COUNTY



This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.